

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-80 are allowed. The specification is objected to by the Examiner. The drawings filed on March 28, 2000 are objected to by the Examiner.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended as follows:

The first occurrence of acronym "SVP" has been explained to mean "synchronous virtual pipe." (page 22, line 3 of the original specification)

The use of "FAST" was not intended as an acronym—it is a descriptive name. All instances of "FAST" have been amended to "Fast." (multiple occurrences throughout the specification)

The first occurrence of acronym "MCST" has been explained to mean "Multicast." (page 47, line 8 of the original specification)

The Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to include Figures 49A-49C.

Applicant inadvertently, incorrectly claimed priority from a provisional application. The Related Applications section of the specification has been corrected so that this application is a continuation-in-part and claims priority from application serial number: 09/120,636, filed July 22, 1998—now issued patent number: 6,272,131, issued August 7, 2001. It is respectfully submitted that Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102 rejections of Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are improper as being anticipated by Ofek (US 6,272,131).

Claims 53, 87 and 88 are canceled without prejudice.

Applicant has reviewed the references cited by Examiner, and has concluded that they are not relevant.

Substitute, corrected formal drawings are herewith filed, responsive to the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review—dated: May 29, 2003, attached to Paper No. 6.

No new matter has been added. No additional fee is due.

It is thus respectfully submitted that by this amendment all basis of objection and rejection have been overcome and traversed, and that the application, including the specification description, claims and drawings are in proper form for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to communicate directly with the undersigned via phone as would be of assistance to expediting prosecution of this matter.

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